GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2632
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UTILISATION OF TELEVISION TRANSMITTER AT BARMER
VSM (RETD.) COL. CHOUDHARY

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has installed a 10 Kilo watt High Power Transmitter atBarmer (Rajasthan) in February 1993 at a cost of Rs. 5.32 crores;

(b) if so, whether the original height of the tower was 300 metres and DD decided to reduce it to 100 metres;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Transmitter is operating at one tenth of its capacity and covering less than half the area envisaged;

(e) if so, whether the mismatch and lack of capacity synchronization between the transmitter and the height of the tower had rendered the expenditure of Rs. 5.32 crore unproductive;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the action taken/proposed to be taken and to fix up the responsibility by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) to (d) Prasar Bharati have informed that a transmitter of 10 KW power on a temporary tower has been installed at Barmer, Rajasthan. The transmitter is presently operating on 1 KW power with coverage range of about 60 Kms. The original height of the tower was 300 metres and was reduced to 100 metres subsequently keeping in view the natural elevation and marginal increase of resultant coverage owing to sparsely populated area. Coverage range of the transmitter will become about 110 Kms. on commissioning of the 10 KW transmitter on a 100 Metre tower.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) & (g) Do not arise.